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This piece was presented as a branch to “Hope”

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He wasn't in Cheyenne so she went to Duluth.
Wasn't in Duluth neither, so she went to Omaha.
Omaha didn't pan out so she came back to Chicago.
From Chicago she went to Saint Louis,
From Saint Louis to Kansas City.
Kansas City to Oklahoma City.
Took a quick trip down to Houston.
Stayed along the coast a little to New Orleans.
Headed up to Atlanta.
Couldn't find him there in the heat of the summer.
Took the train to Raleigh,
Then Washington
Then Pittsburgh
New York.
New York to Boston
Boston to White River
White River up towards Canada.
As the cold settled she fled to Toronto, then to Chicago, back to Saint Louis,
Then way out west to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
As Spring came, she headed up through Las Vegas
Towards Cheyenne
Towards the magic city of the Plains
It'd taken her a year and a day.
She checked the hotels
She checked the courthouse
She checked the post office
He wasn't there.
Five years and five days
She checked the hotels,
She checked the courthouse,
She checked the post office,
He wasn't there. But something was.
An envelope with a little note,
An envelope with a rusty penny
An envelope with a photograph
 of planes
 of guns
 of men.
Her search ended
Work began.
A penny's payment for calloused hands,

A penny's payment for the tanks and planes of Cheyenne.
For a ticket.

A penny's payment for a ticket.

A ticket to travel further than he'd ever been,
Come home safe again.